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SEP 05 2006**nanoporous inorganic compounds.**REMARKS**

The objections to Claims 12 and 13 in the prior office action have been withdrawn.

Claims 1 to 16 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14 stand finally rejected under anticipation and obviousness grounds as stated in the prior Office Action.

In the present action the Examiner has indicated that Claims 15 and 16 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

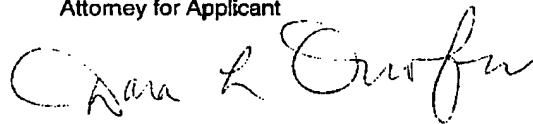
Accordingly, independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claims 14 and 15, which have now been cancelled. Claim 16 has also been rewritten in independent format and now includes all the limitations of Claims 1 and 15. In view of these amendments, Claims 8 to 13 have also been cancelled.

In view of the amendments to the claims, Applicant believes that Examiner's rejections have been overcome. No new matter has been added. Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application and allowance of pending Claims 1-7 and 16 is hereby requested.

If a telephone interview would be useful to advance this case, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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